



Blue Economy - Wave 86

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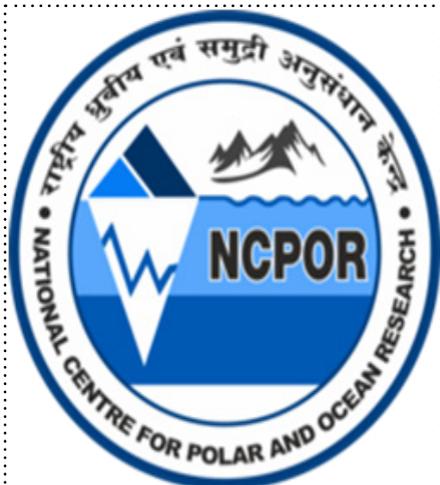
species to areas where they flourish, undermining ecosystem stability and established human uses.

In the fishing sector, national measures to conserve domestic stock have been inadequate and major international fisheries are seriously overfished. More efficient fishing gear and methods have yet to be adequately joined with selective measures that reduce impacts on non-target species like seabirds and marine mammals caught incidentally in fishing operations or entangled in lost and discarded nets.

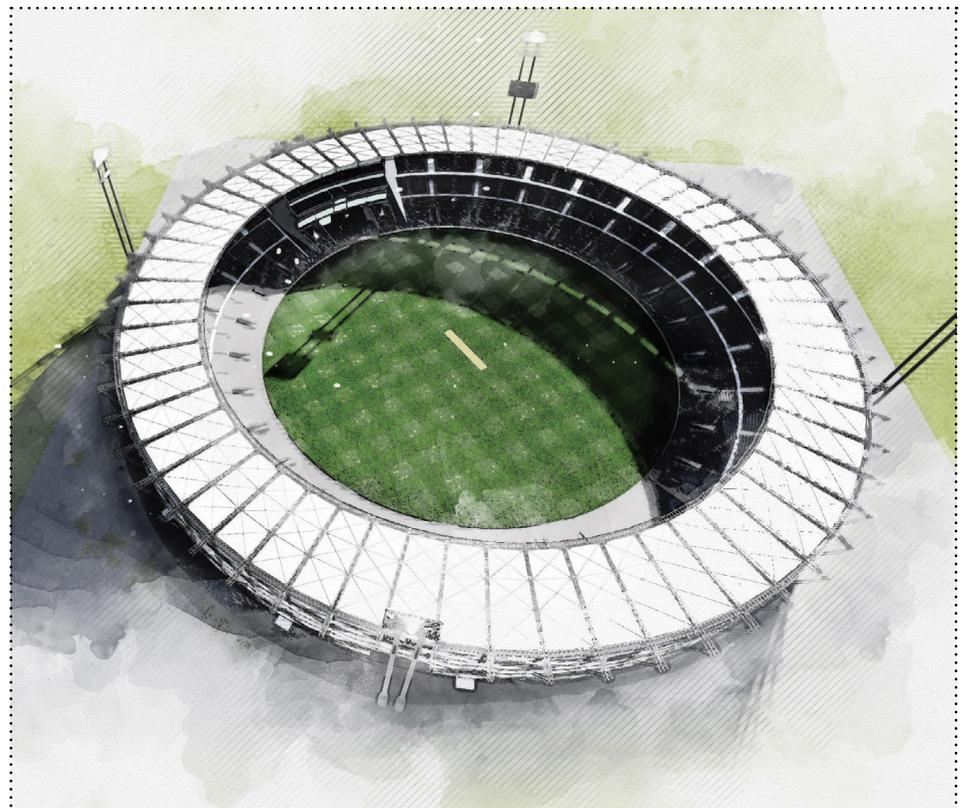
The growing size and efficiency of the world's fleets require measures to stabilize fishing capacity so that excessive competition does not exhaust fishstocks or create new inefficiencies in the resources devoted to fishing effort. The discard of substantial numbers of fish that are not the desired target is another wasteful practice that neither human society nor ecological systems can afford.

Fisheries disputes of the sixties and seventies over the encroachment by foreign, distant-water vessels on coastal harvests have been replaced by conflicts at the national level between small-scale, traditional fishing communities and newly-developing offshore fisheries and, in some areas, between recreational and commercial fishing sectors. Conflicts with foreign fishing now engage at the 200-mile limit where coastal state jurisdiction ends, or when foreign interests licensed to fish within national jurisdiction displace local fishing communities. Illegal foreign fishing within national zones is a growing problem in some regions, while "flag of convenience" ships and rogue states thwart conservation measures agreed among other stakeholders in the fishery.

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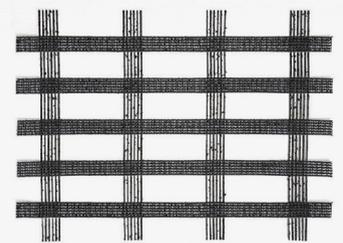


The decades of the nineteen-seventies, eighties, and nineties have revealed new ocean traumas and increasingly complex problems. Scientific research and technological innovations have spurred mineral exploitation — for beach sands, hard rock minerals, and oil and gas — further and further offshore. The day may yet arrive when deep-sea minerals are developed well beyond national jurisdiction — raising new environmental concerns. While pollution from vessels has diminished with increasingly effective international agreements, more and larger ships give rise to new concerns about collisions and damage to small fishing and other vessels in congested shipping lanes; the worldwide movement of ships introduces non-indigenous



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